

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page 26 the following sentence:

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What is claimed is:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows. A marked-up version of the claims showing changes is attached hereto.

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9. (Amended) A method for inhibiting synovial cell growth, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody including a complementary determinant region of an antibody produced by FERM BP-2998 hybridoma and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

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10. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the antibody is a humanized antibody.

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13. (Amended) A method of treating chronic rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody including a complementary determinant region of an antibody produced by FERM BP-2998 hybridoma and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

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15. (Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the antibody is a humanized antibody.